‘DISHONEST ABUSE,’ SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE IN FRANCOIST SPAIN, 1936-1975

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About Us
Sexual Harms and Medical Encounters (SHaME) is a research project exploring the role of medicine and psychiatry in sexual violence. We aim to move beyond shame to address this global health crisis. The project is funded by the Wellcome Trust and led by historian Joanna Bourke.

Our Research
Sexual violence is one of the most serious problems in the contemporary world. Our interdisciplinary project seeks to understand the role played by medical professionals, including psychiatrists, in understanding and dealing with sexual harms.

Instead of shame, we advocate for empowerment and knowledge.

‘Dishonest abuse’, sexual violence, and medical jurisprudence in Francoist Spain, 1936-1975
Stephanie Wright explores the role of forensic doctors and psychiatrists in sexual violence court cases in Spain under the Francoist dictatorship. The project constitutes a historical study of the legal term ‘dishonest abuses,’ which referred to a broad spectrum of criminalised sexual acts from rape and child abuse to homosexuality.

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